

WEATHER

Mostly sunny and moderately cold today with highest 40 to 45 degrees. Fair and cold tonight with lowest in the mid 20's. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness with little change in temperature.

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Member A. B. C.

His Daughter Found Dead

Frank Barker (right) walks from the unfinished house in Bellmawr, N.J., where the body of his four-year-old daughter, Mary Jane, was found in a closet. Near the body was a puppy that Mary Jane had been playing with at the time of her disappearance last week. The dog was alive and frisky.

Accidental Death Ruled In Girl's Closet Starvation

BELLMAWR, N. J. (UPI) — Four-year-old Mary Jane Barker, trapped for a week in the closet of a vacant home searched three times by volunteers, died accidentally of starvation and exposure, Camden County Coroner Robert J. Blake said Monday.

An autopsy showed the girl ap-

Good Evening!

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in trouble at home but this wise old politician will be able to handle the troublesome situation.

Notice he didn't wait for his Parliament to OK the withdrawal but went right ahead so as to make sure his promise to the United States would be kept. When the day of judgment comes for Ben-Gurion he will be marked as a "pro."

The Mary Jane Barker case is a tragic one. Maybe even more so than if it had been a kidnapping. The thought of the girl trapped in the closet for three long days before she died is enough to make any father or mother shudder.

Maybe even more tragic are the thoughts of some of the searchers who went through the house but didn't look in the closet.

Wonder what the Air Force ladies think about the brass hiring a stylist to make sure they aren't dowdy. Can you imagine this "fashion coordinator" flying into Paris and Rome and telling the wives of the men stationed there what the latest fashions are?

If that isn't carrying coals to Newcastle it will do until a better example comes along.

Another big plane crash. This one in England and at least 17 die. Plane crashes seem to run in series and here is hoping this isn't the beginning of another.

No taste of spring in these nippy mornings. Going by the reports of birds and crocuses abounding in the area that favored time of year must be very close. And wasn't it about March 18th last year that we got our biggest snow storm?

The Blind Artists Concert in Philadelphia had a sell out crowd recently at a Sheraton Hotel performance. The Levittown Lions will have them here March 19th and if you like music keep that night free.

"Dad, why can't I go out and play baseball like the other boys?"

"Keep quiet son and hurry up and deal those cards."

It is better to have loved and lost than to have to do the arithmetic homework for six kids.

The six sweetest phrases in the American language: Love you; Dinner is served; All is forgiven; Sleep until noon; Keep the change; and Here's that five.

Watch your driving.

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BRISTOL POLICE TRACE CLUE ON PHILADELPHIA'S DEAD BOY**17 Die In RAF Plane Crash****Big Transport Plunges Into Farmhouse**

Pilot Had Started To Return After Engine Troubles

DRAYTON, England (UPI) — The Royal Air Force's largest transport plane crashed into a group of farm dwellings here today, exploded and burst into flames.

An official Air Ministry statement issued at 1:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. EST) said 17 persons were known dead and three injured.

An earlier Air Ministry statement said at least 21 persons were killed, including 17 servicemen and four civilians. A number of police dogs on the four-engine plane, en route from a nearby airfield to the Mediterranean island of Malta, also perished.

The aircraft, a 40-ton Beverley Baxter, the RAF's newest ultra-heavy workhorse plane, smashed into a group of farm dwellings in Suttonwick Lane at 11:28 a.m. (6:28 a.m. EST). It had developed engine trouble and was trying to get back to Abingdon Airfield, two miles to the south.

Drayton is eight miles south of Oxford and about 50 miles west of London.

In its first statement on the crash, the Air Ministry said there were 20 servicemen and nine dogs aboard the plane. It said 17 of the servicemen were killed when the aircraft smashed into a farmhouse. It said four civilian occupants of the farmhouse also were killed.

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Second Front Page

Paul Beckert Endorsed For DA By County GOP

Paul R. Beckert, Assistant District Attorney for Bucks county and resident of Levittown has been endorsed by the Republican organization as their candidate for District Attorney in the May primary.

Beckert, active in Lower Bucks politics since coming to Bucks in 1952, has been considered as the logical candidate for the office now held by Donald VanArtsdalen, also a Republican.

In the District Attorney's office

J. Bodley Announces Candidacy

John Justus Bodley, Spring Valley, Buckingham township, will oppose Paul R. Beckert, Levittown, for the primary election nomination for district attorney, he said today.

Bodley, a county assistant district attorney since January, 1956, announced he will not run as an independent "but as a Republican who believes in open primary elections and in the right of the voter to pick the best qualified candidate for the general election in November."

The 40-year-old Bodley is a former special agent of the FBI for four years and worked with that law enforcement agency in Miami, Fla., Washington, D. C., Newark, N.J., and New York.

Bodley came to Bucks county in 1926, was graduated from Doylestown high school in 1934, and was a star athlete at Ursinus College.

He was graduated from Temple University law school with the highest scholastic average in his class and was admitted to the bar in 1946, after his service with the FBI.

He practiced law in Philadelphia before returning to practice in Bucks county.

He lives with his wife and three daughters in Buckingham township, is a member of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, and has been county campaign director for the March of Dimes for the past two years.

Levittowner Rams Auto

A Levittown man was in fair condition at Lower Bucks hospital this morning after striking the car of a Chicago man, on his way to his father's funeral in New York.

Trooper Robert Lodeski of the Plymouth barracks said Milton Wolfman, 6 Quaint road, hit the rear of an automobile belonging to Reginald Goodwin, on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Ben-salem township.

Goodwin told police he was parked alongside the road on the Turnpike when the Levittown man smashed into the rear of his car.

Wolfman suffered a fractured wrist and lacerations of the face, hands, and neck.

Goodwin was treated for minor cuts and released. A passenger in his car, Beatrice Goodwin, his sister, also had minor cuts.

Wolfman's car was a total loss and damage to the Chicago man's new Cadillac was estimated at \$2500.

Melvin Takes Out Sheriff Petition

John Melvin, Falls township justice of the peace, has obtained a petition for sheriff from the board of elections office.

The petition, which requires the signatures of 100 backers, must be filed with the office by March 18 before Melvin can seek the Republican nomination in the primary.

Auto Is Stolen At Shop Center

An automobile owned by Stanley E. Jones, of 20 Quill road, Levittown, was stolen from the parking lot of the Levittown Shopping Center between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. last night.

Jones told Tullytown Patrolman Steven Parto he parked the car outside Yards store at 8:30 p.m. When he returned 15 minutes later it was gone, he said.

Bensalem to Act On Murdock Pay

The Bensalem township supervisors, acting on a motion made by Bensalem Supervisor Raymond Brenner, yesterday told Town solicitor John Wood to study the legality of the \$8000 salary paid to Supervisor Joseph Murdock for work done as secretary-treasurer of the board.

Republican Brenner took the action at yesterday's supervisor's meeting to "determine if the township could recover the \$8000." The supervisor said he made the move because "Murdock didn't do the work and wasn't entitled to the salary."

Democrat Murdock, ousted as secretary-treasurer at last month's meeting when Brenner and Democrat Chairman of the Board Raemond Wink teamed up, seconded the motion.

Applicants for the vacant position on the Tullytown police force today were directed to obtain application forms from Edward H. Bergmann, secretary of the Civil Service Commission.

A policeman will be appointed by Borough Council to replace Philip Fitzpatrick, who recently resigned. The Civil Service Commission will certify to Council the three candidates receiving the highest passing grades in a competitive examination.

Candidates must make appointment at the office of Dr. Daniel E. Erhard, 1 Sugar maple lane, to take a physical examination March 14 or 15. On March 30, oral and intelligence tests and personal interviews and written tests will be given.

Michael DiCicco is chairman of the commission. Peter A. Santoro, former president of Council, is the third member.

Chief Jones Marks Birthday



(Courtesy and Times Photo) Linford J. Jones, Bristol Police chief, cuts cake in honor of his 60th birthday at the annual banquet of the Fraternal Order of Police last night. Watching are Mrs. Jones and the chief's daughter, Mrs. Catherine Urtkowsky, who decorated the cake donated by Kay's bakery, Bristol.

Huge Crowd Attends Policemen's Banquet

Last night it was the policemen's night to howl—and they did, in fine fashion at the Fiesta, Route 13, Eddington.

The occasion was the annual banquet of the Bucks County Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, at which the newly elected officers were installed.

A sell out crowd of nearly 500 people filled the hall and consumed platters of roast turkey, sweet potatoes and peas.

Police officers from every part of the county as well as from Philadelphia attended.

Special Agent Walter McLaughlin, of the Philadelphia office, FBI, was master of ceremonies and introduced the numerous guests.

As a special feature of the evening, Bristol Borough Police Chief Linford J. Jones was given a "party" in honor of his 60th birthday which was yesterday.

A huge cake, donated by Kay's bakery and decorated by his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Urtkowsky, was presented to the chief. He promptly cut it up and distributed it to all the diners.

Sgt. Herman Esterline, outgoing president of the lodge, was presented with a ring in recognition of his service. Chief Jones made the presentation.

The Very Reverend John L. Nugent, of St. Charles Catholic church, Cornwells Heights, gave the invocation; Rev. John Gallagher, of the Zion Lutheran church, Bristol, offered a guidance prayer, and Rabbi Robert Bergman, of Temple Shalom, Levittown, delivered the benediction.

The new officers were installed by John Prath, President of the Montgomery County Lodge.

Those installed included: Harry Smith, president; Joseph Zalot, vice president; Karl Knitzberger, secretary; Richard Templeton, treasurer; John Walterick, financial secretary; Richard Brantlech, conductor; William Kershaw, chaplain; Pat Coia, alternate chaplain; Robert Hibbs, guard, and Joseph DeGeorge, trustee.

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be held at 7:30 p.m. after which ashes will be distributed.

Stations of the Cross will be marked at a special service Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Actually the chief worked more than 16 hours. He reported for duty at 8 a.m. yesterday morning and was still in the police station late this morning.

Two of the township's policemen were installed as officers in the county association. They are Sgt. Joseph Zalot, vice president, and Karl Knitzberger, secretary.

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Morrisville • Yardley • Makefield

Unit To Get 'Inconclusive' Span Survey

The results of a "most inconclusive survey" on the site for the Yardley bridge will be presented to Bridge commission engineers Thursday at a special meeting of the commission group.

Alex Hamell, chairman of the Yardley Borough Council bridge committee said the survey proved something we knew all along—there is a great difference of opinion as to where the bridge should be placed.

Over 700 Answers

Response to the questionnaire was heavy with more than 700 answers being received. Those favoring the site further up the river numbered 359 while those in favor of relocating the new bridge in Yardley numbered 356.

Mr. Hamell said the bridge committee members of Yardley will not attend the commission meeting.

"We have been told this commission meeting is strictly for the engineers. No borough or township officials have been invited."

"We intend to present the results of the questionnaire to the commission with our original recommendation of a bridge upstream," he said.

1.3 Miles North

The proposed upstream site is to be located about 1.3 miles north of the present bridge. It passes through open land in Lower Makefield township.

Members of the Yardley Businessmen's association have been fighting for a bridge in Yardley claiming an outside bridge would destroy business in the town.

There was no indication from bridge officials if a final decision would be made at Thursday's session. It has been indicated that chances for two bridges as a solution are slight.

Boy Struck By Car, 'Fair'

A three and a half-year old Morrisville boy was listed in fair condition at Mercer hospital this morning after being struck by an auto last night while playing near his home.

Jeffrey Tanicello, 542 Hillcrest avenue, suffered a fractured left leg, lacerations to the face and a possible head injury.

Officer Frank Picciotti of the Morrisville police identified the driver of the car as John Kuprian, 688 Hillcrest avenue, Morrisville.

Darted Out

Kuprian told police he was driving east on Hillcrest avenue when the little boy "darted out" from a group of kids about 6 p.m. last night.

Kuprian said the boy ran in front of the car and he jammed his brakes but couldn't avoid hitting him.

The youngster was struck with the right fender of the car as Kuprian pounded the brakes.

Calls Boy's Mother

The Morrisville man picked up the injured lad and backed down the block calling the boy's mother.

He drove the injured lad and his mother to Mercer hospital for emergency treatment.

Mrs. Tanicello said the children are always playing along the busy street and it was "just a matter to time before something like this would happen."

Police said no charges would be filed against the Morrisville driver.

Burglars Fail To Quench Thirst

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(Courtesy and Times Photo)
Students of Morrisville High school plan for a trip to Washington, D.C. later this month. From left, Louise Neumann, Fred Schwartz, Marion Groves, Bob Klingerman, Joan Ketner.

Church Holds Party Tonight

The annual pre-lenten card and novelty party of the Holy Trinity church in Morrisville will be held tonight at the school hall at 8 p.m.

The following committee will assist in the PTA-sponsored affair:

Tickets, Mrs. William Collins, chairman; and Mrs. Ed Frangish, Mrs. Richard Welsh, Mrs. Joseph Harbourne, Mrs. Lester Lancott, Mrs. Robert O'Connor, Mrs. William Hudzinski, Mrs. Ed Miskiel, Mrs. John Fischlein, Mrs. Donald Green, Stephen Gorski, and Theodore Kupiec, Ed Kearns, Lester Lancott, Joseph Harbourne, Constance Vidunas, Samuel Petrysk, Albert Barr, John Whalen, Prize Committee.

Prize committee, Mrs. John Cosmas, Mrs. Ed Corti, chairman; and Mrs. Charles Foster, Mrs. Robert Dobuk, Mrs. James Pitman, Mrs. Norman Krier, Mrs. Joseph Cordiale, Mrs. James Swope, Mrs. H. Shields, Mrs. A.J. Baar, Mrs. Frank Trolio, Mrs. J. Flynn, Mrs. John Balog, Mrs. J. Meszaros, Mrs. R. Hawks, Mrs. George Mekosh, Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. Chester Henson, Mrs. Edwin Hellings, Mrs. Evelyn Priory.

Pray committee chairman, Mrs. Vincent Sawyer; and Mrs. E. Carver Tettener, Mrs. Joseph Hagen, Mrs. Richard Sullivan, Mrs. Milton Deithorn, and Mrs. Lynn Holwick.

Publicity, Mrs. Alex McDonald and Mrs. Ed Mannix.

Area Youth Shot In Korea Accident

A Levittown youth is in Tokyo, Japan, hospital with a fractured right ankle following a freak shooting accident in a barracks in Korea.

James A. Morgan Jr., 19, of 108 Village Lane, Vermilion Hill, was reported by Red Cross authorities to be in good condition after bullet creased the back of his right leg and passed through his right foot.

He reportedly was sitting in an Air Force barracks when another soldier accidentally fired Morgan's gun as he was cleaning it.

Airman second class Morgan entered the Air Force in July, 1955, after graduation from Lower Merion Senior High School in Ardmore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Morgan, Sr.

Lower Makefield Approves Site For 100 More Homes

The Lower Makefield board of supervisors added about 100 more homes to the township last night with approval of a rezoning ordinance and plans for a new development.

An area in the township near Pennsbury High school was rezoned from its present rural A to residential A. This entire tract of land, known as Milford Manor, has been rural except for 200 feet.

A developer, David Miller, has been developing within this 200-foot area of residential territory.

The rezoning ordinance and the approval of the development plans will now allow him to continue with the development which should provide from 100 to 120

Leader Plans Road Project

HARRISBURG (UP) — Gov. George M. Leader today outlined a \$720,000,000 road building program for Pennsylvania in the next two years and urged retention of the six-cent gallon gasoline tax to finance it.

In an address prepared for delivery to a joint session of the Legislature at 2 p.m. the governor said the state would foot \$15,000,000 of the bill while the remaining \$205,000,000 would be subsidized by the federal government. Federal contributions for the interstate highway system alone over the next two years would amount to \$143,000,000 with the state putting up only 10 percent of the \$157,000,000 total.

The special fund needs, combined with the \$1.6-billion General Fund budget submitted Feb. 5, brought the governor's overall budget needs above the \$2-billion mark for the first time in Commonwealth history.

Leader asked that the Legislature make the six-cent gasoline tax permanent which would mean the Republican lawmakers would have to forego their plan to remove the one cent from the tax which was added on an emergency basis to pay for the damage caused by hurricanes and floods in 1955.

The South American spectacled bear has a habit of building "nests" of sticks in tall trees.

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VFW Asks Ouster Of Bonus Foe

The Morrisville VFW post, pushing for a bonus for Korean War veterans, called for the dismissal today of Mrs. Robert Biddle III, Bucks County Republican committee vice chairman, for opposing the bonus plan.

Magee said the survey will prove without doubt that there is absolutely no need for any more parking in the downtown area of the borough.

Proponents of the extension claim the off-street parking is a vital necessity if the area is to be saved from floundering into serious financial difficulty.

Magee said his survey will reveal that not even in the entire month of the survey did he find

any parking problem.

Spoke At Lincoln Fete

The veteran's group claimed Mrs. Biddle made her statements at a Republican Lincoln Day dinner.

Walter Koons, public relations director of the post, said the stand taken by the Bucks County Republicans, as stated by Mrs. Biddle, is repugnant to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and discriminatory to veterans."

A bill in each house of the State legislature is currently being studied to provide the veterans with adjusted service compensation (bonus).

The resolution calls for the "immediate resignation" of Mrs. Biddle for uttering statements detrimental to the cause of the veterans for the bonus.

The next regular meeting of the VFW Post 6176 is on tap for Monday at the post home at 101 Hillcrest avenue.

In the afternoon, the teachers will visit the S. S. Flandres, one of the great ocean liners owned by the French line. They will also watch a leading television show and witness the operations of TV as they tour the studio.

In the evening, the teachers will attend a Broadway play.

The committee in charge of the trip includes Mrs. Ellen Miller, Miss Elizabeth Broome, Miss Carol Dauberman, Glenn Griffiths, Mrs. Dorothy Jenness, Jos. Moreau, Orville Peifer, Miss Jean Robinson, Burton Thomas, and James E. Wood.

Scholarship Unit Gets Policy Plan

Five life insurance representatives gave detailed plans for having the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation named as beneficiary of insurance policies at the group's board meeting.

"Quite a few of the members were unwilling to comment on the bridge site because they didn't have enough information on it," Mr. Hoffmeister said.

The Yardley Borough Council will present a recommendation to the bridge commission for a new bridge site which will pass the township from 7 a.m. to midnight and officers are on call from midnight to 7 a.m.

It was stated greater police coverage would cost the township from six to eight thousand dollars more a year, or about three dollars a family.

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